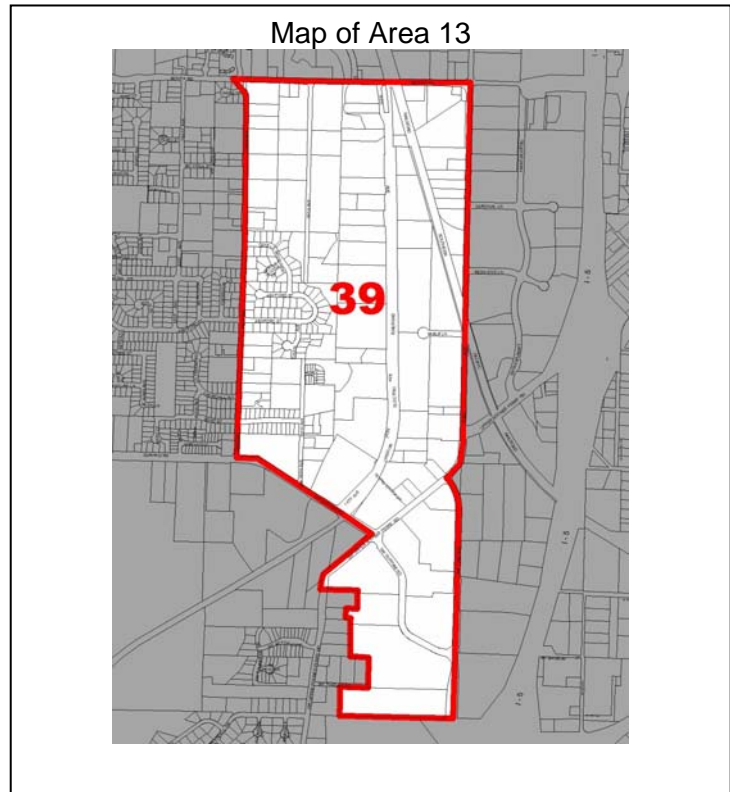


## Community Assessment Program Area 39 Report to the Community

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on June 4, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

Area 39 is bounded on the north by Bonita Road, a busy collector, on the east by 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, another heavily traveled collector, on the south by the Durham Quarry, and on the west by 79<sup>th</sup> Avenue, a neighborhood route. Railroad tracks bisect the area in a generally north-south alignment. The eastern portion of this area is industrial and commercial in nature (zoned light industrial and industrial park) with numerous warehouses and businesses adjacent to 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The west portion is primarily residential on both sides of 79<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The most southerly portion is the quarry, which is slated for major development possibly beginning this calendar year



Below is a summary of some of the prominent assessment comments in this area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.

**Kudos** – Lots of Kudos for this area including wonderful landscaping comments.

**Outdoor storage of materials** – Many examples were seen of businesses allowing outdoor storage of materials such as gravel, surplus equipment, etc. Outdoor storage may have restrictions based on size, type and location. In addition, it may not block the sidewalk or street. Questions? Contact the Planning Permit Technicians at 639-4171 x 2424 or email them at [kristie@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:kristie@ci.tigard.or.us) or [cherylc@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:cherylc@ci.tigard.or.us)

**Overgrown vegetation on private property** – Did you know that any grass over 10 inches tall is considered noxious vegetation and a violation of city code? There were a few comments that grass is beginning to get high on several properties in this area. Make sure to stay on top of the mowing as the warmer weather gets here. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us)

**Pedestrian Crossing obstacles** – The walkers noted several regulated intersections that were obstacles to pedestrians. The Engineering Department has been asked to assess these intersections and recommend corrective actions to insure that pedestrians can walk safely across the

street. Questions? Contact Mike Mills in Engineering at 503-639-4171 ext 2472 or [mikem@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:mikem@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Vegetation blocking fire hydrants** – There were a few examples where vegetation had been allowed to grow up around fire hydrants. This can create a problem if there is a fire because the fire department may have a delay while trying to locate and clear the hydrant. The Public Works Department will send out crews to clear the vegetation at the locations noted, but you can help by keeping the vegetation trimmed around a fire hydrant on your property. Questions? Contact Sam Morrison at 503-639-4171 ext. 2600 or [sam@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:sam@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Street maintenance** – Several comments were received regarding needed street maintenance to fix potholes, cracks etc. The Public Works Department will assess each location and establish a priority for maintenance. Questions? Contact Howard Gregory at 503-639-4171 ext 2606 or [howard@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:howard@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Lane striping on streets is faded** – Staff identified locations where lane striping has faded. Engineering will assess the condition and prioritize to place on the street striping list. Contact Mike Mills, Engineering Inspector, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2474 or [mikem@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:mikem@ci.tigard.or.us)

**Signs without permits/located in the right of way** – Did you know that all signs, even temporary signs, require permits? We noted several temporary signs that did not have permits and some that did have permits but that were placed in the right of way. The right of way includes the sidewalk and the planter strip between the sidewalk and the street. To obtain a temporary sign permit and get more information on the allowed locations for signs, contact the Planning Permit Technicians at 639-4171 x 2424 or email them at [kristie@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:kristie@ci.tigard.or.us) or [cherylc@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:cherylc@ci.tigard.or.us).

More ways you can help make our community better –

**Neighborhood Watch** - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get re-acquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

**Help protect our streams** - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The “dump no waste, drains to stream” message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or [susank@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:susank@ci.tigard.or.us).

**If you spot graffiti** contact the police non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 to report the location. An officer will be dispatched to photograph the graffiti for record and the property owner or public agency (if it is on a utility pole, box or transit stop) will be notified.

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or [liz@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:liz@ci.tigard.or.us). The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.